

FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME REPORTING FOR 2022

Sun-Young Park, UN University Volunteer funded by the Republic of Korea, served as a Gender Equality Programme Assistant at UNICEF, Bangladesh. @ UNICEF Bangladesh, 2022.

In 2022, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme deployed 736 United Nations Volunteers fully funded by the Governments of Australia, China, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Norway, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. In addition to Member States, UNV collaborated with the private sector, academia and foundations to fully fund national

volunteer assignments with partners such as Cisco Corporate Philanthropy, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi in Thailand, and Mount Kenya University in Kenya.

Of these 736 fully funded UN Volunteers, 72 per cent were women, 52 per cent were UN Youth and University Volunteers and 12 per cent were persons with disabilities.

UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME STATISTICS AT A GLANCE, 2022

736

Total number of fully funded UN Volunteers

655 | 2021

635 | 2020

605 | 2019

Women | **72%**

National assignments | **15%**

UN Expert Volunteer assignments (1%) | **8**

Persons with disabilities (12%) | **86**

United Nations partners in 121 countries | **31**

UN University Volunteer assignments (14%) | **101**

UN Youth Volunteer assignments (38%) | **278**

UN Specialist Volunteer assignments (49%) | **361**

Note: One UN Volunteer may serve in multiple assignments.

We are
inspiration
in action



Hélène Ries (pictured front right), UN Volunteer funded by Switzerland with World Bank Indonesia, during a turtle release to the sea along with the World Bank staff. A Junior Analyst in Health, Nutrition and Population with the World Bank Indonesia's team in Jakarta, she supports the health sector and social security apparatus through lending operations and results-based financing. @ World Bank Indonesia, 2022.

In 2022, 86 people with disabilities had the opportunity to serve as UN Volunteers, thanks to the generous support of the Governments of Germany and Sweden



GOING LOCAL: NATIONAL FULL FUNDING ASSIGNMENTS

Nine Full Funding partners – China, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, Cisco Corporate Philanthropy, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi in Thailand, and Mount Kenya University in Kenya – funded 107 national assignments. This shows a clear commitment from UNV partners to develop local capacities. Of the 107 national assignments, 99 were Specialists. And among those Specialists, 86 were persons with disabilities. Examined another way – by looking at percentages – 92 per cent of these national UN Volunteers were Specialists, 4 per cent were Youth and 4 per cent were University Volunteers.

Funding Partner	National UN Volunteers
Sweden	65
Germany	21
Ireland	8
Japan	3
Mount Kenya University	3
China	2
Switzerland	2
Cisco Corporate Philanthropy	2
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi	1
Total	107



Michael Achiek Panchol (pictured above), national UN Specialist Volunteer funded by Sweden, Human Resources and Administrative Assistant, UNV, South Sudan, discusses inspiring others with disabilities to pursue their goals. @ UNV, 2023.

SUPPORTING INCLUSION

Diversity and inclusion remained a major priority for UNV in 2022, in particular, increasing volunteer opportunities for persons with disabilities. In 2022, UNV facilitated outreach, recruitment, inclusion and training of 205 UN Volunteers with disabilities in 23 United Nations entities, funded by United Nations and Full Funding partners. In this context, the Governments of Germany and Sweden continued to fund volunteer assignments for persons with disabilities. This resulted in a total of 86 national UN Volunteer assignments, of which 42 were new deployments in 2022.

In addition, this support also has had a catalytic effect across the United Nations system. These UN Volunteers contributed to peace, development and humanitarian action in areas such as community development, communications and programme management. In doing so, they affirm that disabilities do not limit meaningful engagement within the United Nations.

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One of my key achievements is that I defied my situation. I didn't stay home, blame it on disability, and not fulfill my duties as a citizen. One of my goals is to continue working with UNICEF to help as many people as I can. I have an innate need to help and encourage others. **Asraa Alghali**, UN Specialist Volunteer funded by **Germany**, Education Sector Coordinator, UNICEF, **Libya**

Volunteering makes me happy because I am contributing to the society and to Mongolia's development. Through volunteering with the UN, I have lived my dream. I proved to myself and to the people around me that disability should not be a barrier. I encourage other persons with disabilities to always look around you and seize any opportunity you come across. **Suvd Bold**, UN Specialist Volunteer funded by **Sweden**, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, UNRCO, **Mongolia**

Suvd's disability didn't prevent her from performing her duties. She is the true definition of "Inspiration in Action" and passionate about volunteerism as a dedicated UN Volunteer. I consider her a UN Volunteer star who brightens other persons with disabilities. **Tapan Mishra**, UN Resident Coordinator in **Mongolia**, who supervises Suvd Bold

SNAPSHOT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SERVING AS FULLY FUNDED UN VOLUNTEERS, 2022

Total number of **national UN Specialist Volunteers with disabilities** funded by Sweden and Germany in 2022

86

Distribution by gender

Women 42 (49%)
Men 44 (51%)

Total number of host entities

17

Top five host entities

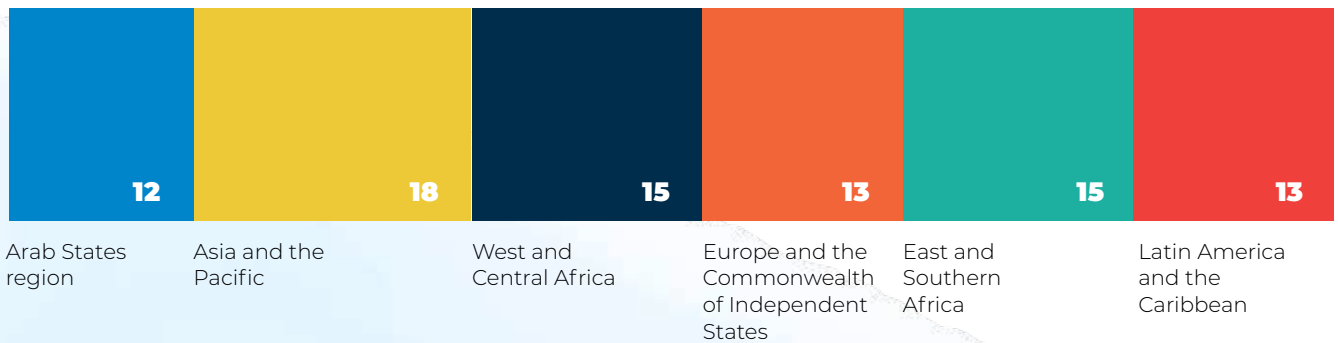
UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNRCO, UN Women

Countries of assignment

66

For the full names of United Nations entities, refer to unterm.un.org

Assignments by UNV Region



Volunteering for development is an incredible opportunity for self-enrichment. I have learned a lot about Colombia, the different contexts, my area of service – victims of conflict, primarily women, and new skills that focus on politics. It's a great way to evolve within the UN system at a horizontal level. **Lucille Abadie** (third from right), UN Volunteer funded by **France**, International Specialist in Transitional Justice, UN Women, **Colombia**. This photo was taken at the first Regional Forum on National Action Plan Formulation of the 1325 Resolution of the United Nations Security Council in March 2023 in Cali attended by United Nations organizations. @ UN Women LACRO 2023

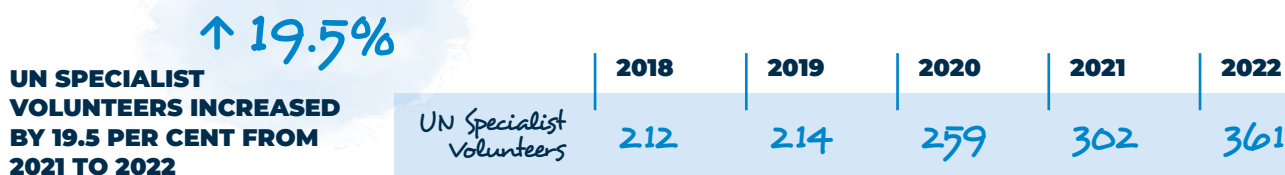


TREND OF FULLY FUNDED ASSIGNMENTS, 2022

Top five assignment areas filled by fully funded UN Volunteers



Top three assignment titles among both national and international fully funded UN Volunteers



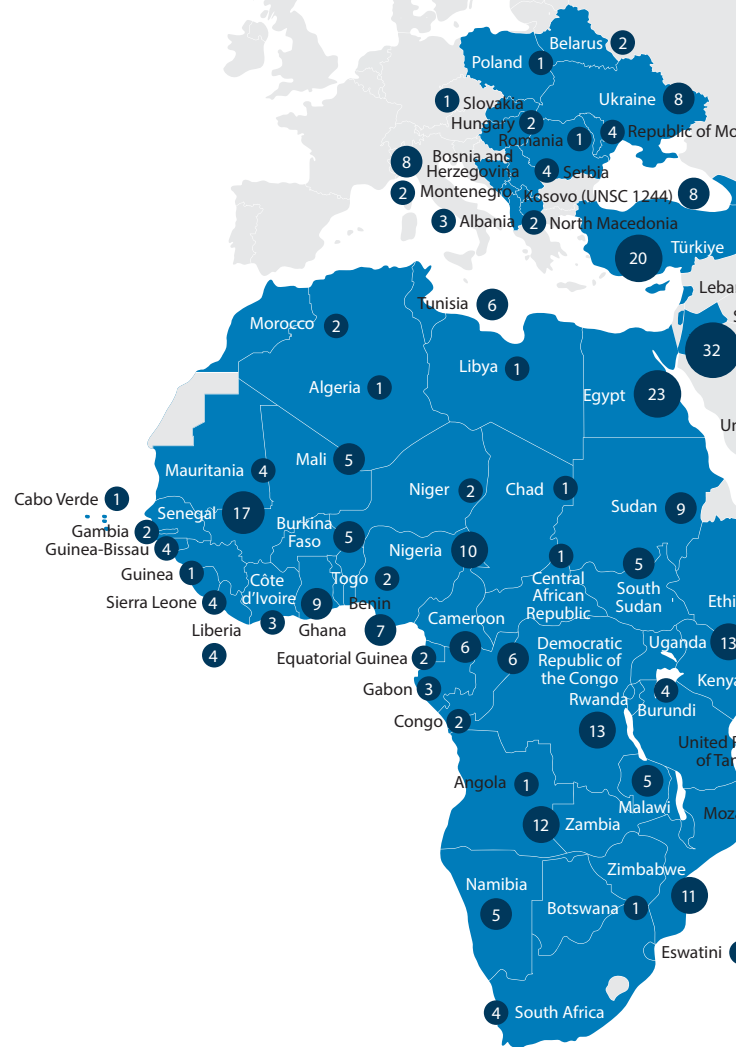
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Volunteering in Senegal has been a unique opportunity to work on, understand and contribute to sustainable development issues. I am convinced that this international experience will be crucial in my future, both in terms of learning opportunities and professional connections. I was able to take part in events and field missions promoting food security, being immersed in the local culture. It's really that kind of life experience that you grow from and never forget. I also really appreciate the fact that this experience has strengthened my employability as a young professional working in the field of sustainability communications. **Robine Bonsenge**, UN Youth Volunteer funded by **Luxembourg**, Assistant Nutrition Officer, WFP, **Senegal**

Volunteering gave me an opportunity to deepen my understanding of the United Nations. I learned about the organization, its management and its working environment. UNV motivated me to continue learning as a professional. I am really proud to be a part of the Seismic Mitigation Project that aimed to transform the UN ESCAP premises in Bangkok into an accessible and sustainable workplace for everyone. **Artai Boonwanit**, national UN University Volunteer funded by **King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi in Thailand**

Security is a shared responsibility. It is all about us looking out for each other. I supported the UNV capacity development team at headquarters in Bonn in their efforts to deliver workshops on the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment since June 2021, offering virtual workshops around the topic. I was inspired by the opportunities to share some of my experiences before becoming a UN Volunteer and during my assignment and was keen to share knowledge in the thematic area of preventing sexual risk contact. In collaboration with the UN Department for Safety and Security, I was fortunate to facilitate a gender focal point training. This was personally meaningful for me, as I had previously worked as a gender focal point and it was great to feel my professional progression with this topic. **Riina Allinen**, UN Specialist Volunteer funded by **Finland**, Gender Security Training Associate and Operations Assistant, UNDP, **Egypt**

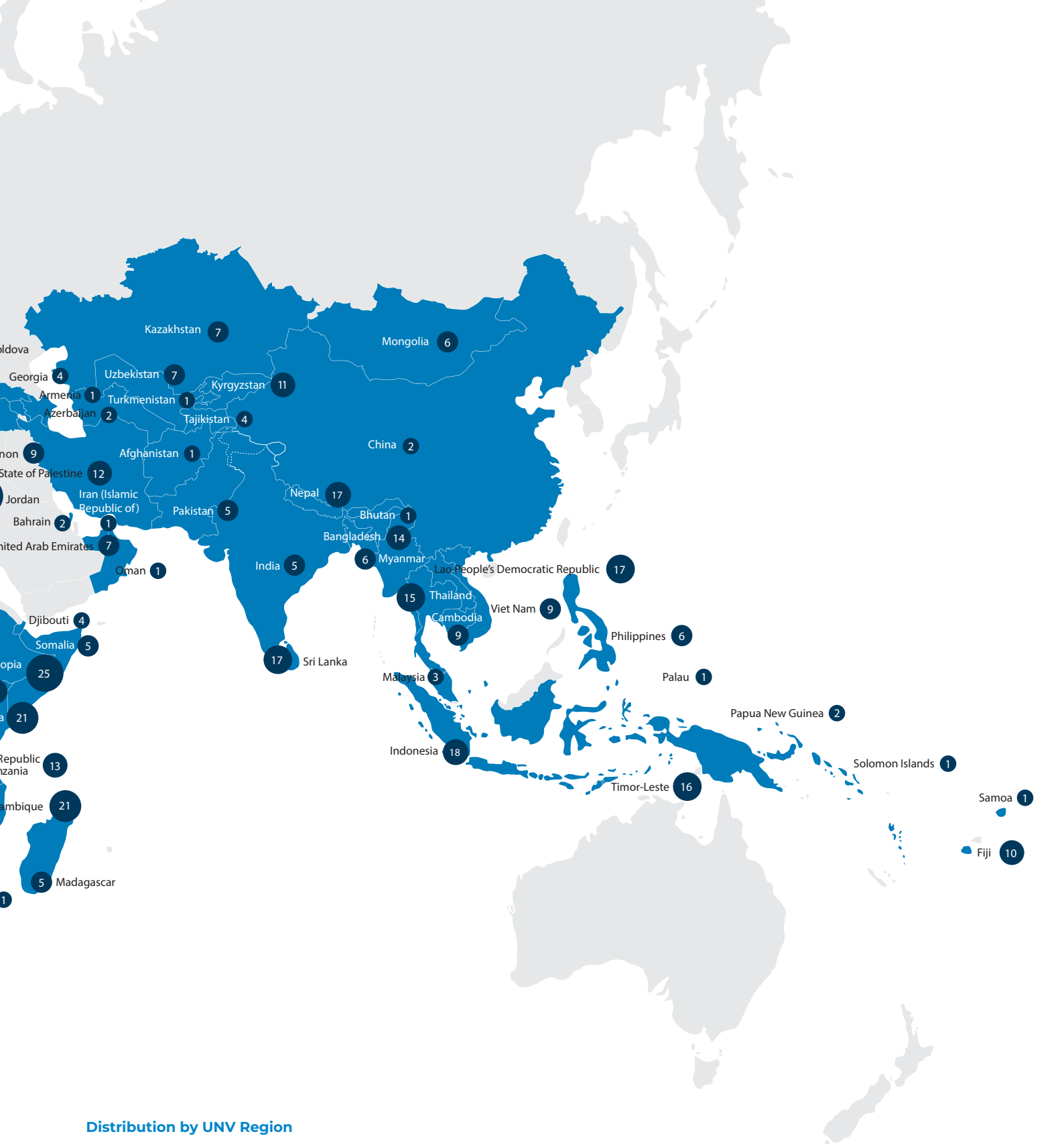
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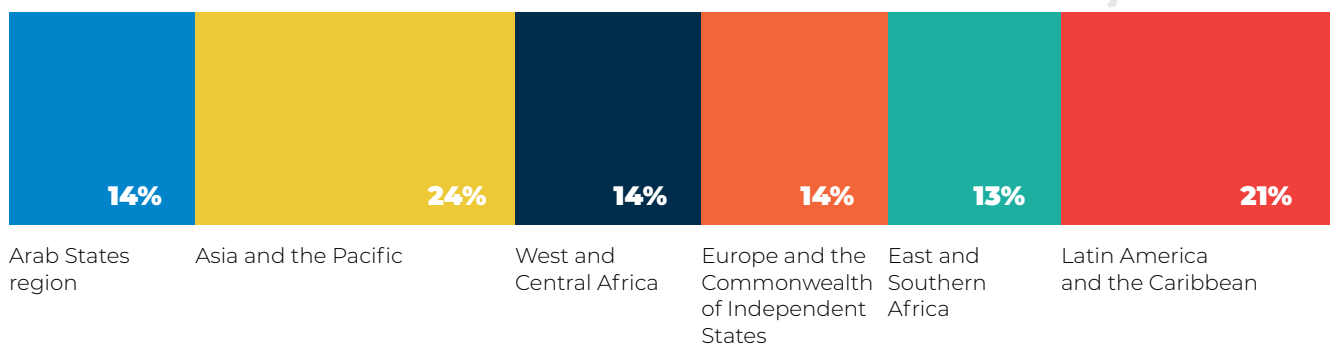
Being a UN Volunteer is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. While it provides an excellent professional experience within an international organization, it is primarily a life experience. Moving to a country of operation and following the progress of the projects from the ground changes one's perceptions of international development. It breaks barriers and truly expands your horizons. **Adrien Olszak-Olszewski**, UN Youth Volunteer funded by **Switzerland**, World Bank, **Ukraine**

It has been a dynamic and rewarding process to be a part of analyzing and developing the programmes, which respond to security developments and their gendered implications. These include traditional security issues but also emerging concerns such as cybersecurity and climate security. **Alexandra Håkansson Schmidt**, UN Specialist Volunteer funded by **Sweden**, Programme Analyst, UN Women, **Thailand**

This assignment has been an exceptional starting point in my career in climate-change and climate-security adaptation. It has also given me the chance to practically work on a topic that I care about – contributing in some way to the horrific climate shocks and effects that the average Somalis are facing directly in their everyday lives. One way we can reduce our feeling of powerlessness is to use our voice and skills to get involved in creating the world that we want to live in. **Teodora Traljić**, UN Youth Volunteer funded by **Ireland**, Climate Action Officer, UNEP, **Somalia**



Distribution by UNV Region



One UN Volunteer may serve in multiple assignments.

UN Volunteers have access to stress counseling sessions, career coaching, a 360-degree feedback and career management workshops

LEARNING

During their assignments, UN Volunteers can use a great variety of learning resources to enhance their core competencies, soft skills and language proficiencies and learn to direct their own career development. They have access to platforms such as Coursera, LinkedIn Learning and Rosetta Stone – in addition to the eCampusWeb, a learning management system that serves as a centralized hub for their learning needs. UN Volunteers also participate in dedicated training sessions to address sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, and they enroll in other sessions that promote diversity, equity and inclusion in their respective contexts.

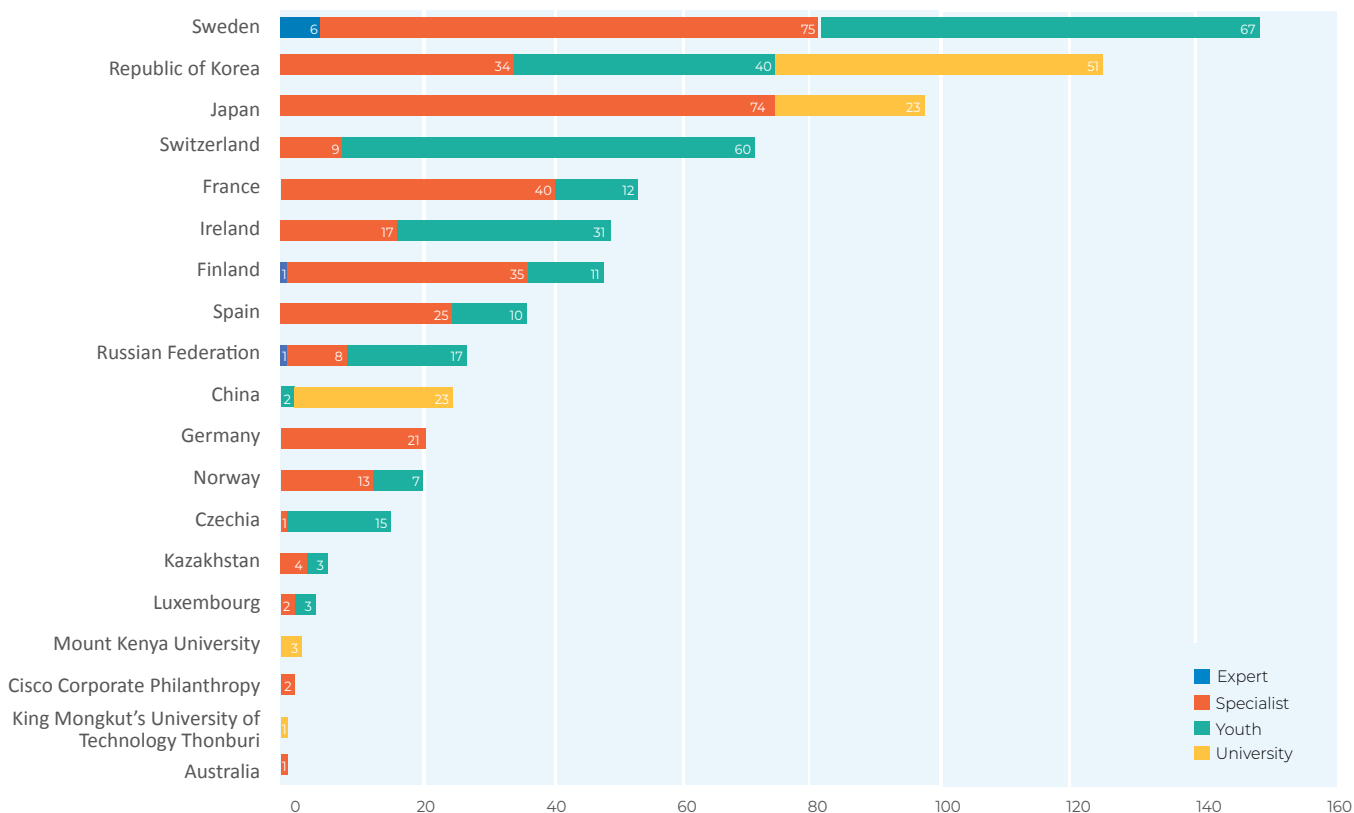
UN Youth Volunteers have a unique portfolio of learning opportunities that include onboarding, live and self-paced trainings. Unified Conditions of Service, Reporting Misconduct Guidelines and Volunteering for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are among the topics UN Volunteers review. The overall well-being and career management support remains a major commitment of UNV.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNV FULL FUNDING PROGRAMME, 2022–2019 (US\$)

Funding partners	2022	2021	2020	2019
Republic of Korea	4,621,268	4,507,395	4,012,649	4,001,751
Japan	3,386,177	1,847,362	2,537,997	1,330,594
Finland	1,979,982	1,555,964	1,234,950	1,407,681
Switzerland	1,919,065	1,900,028	1,748,334	994,761
France	1,819,865	2,075,368	1,949,336	1,288,672
Spain	1,385,928	3,511,497		
Ireland	1,218,335	1,401,047	1,254,480	935,094
Russian Federation	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Czechia	412,608	443,267	405,586	462,478
Germany	276,255	180,236		
Norway	249,140	349,985	1,149,970	249,960
Sweden		5,676,054	3,212,137	2,251,361
Australia				1,039,016
Chinese Young Volunteers Association		643,249	84,653	103,686
Kazakhstan			740,970	
Agency for Volunteer Service, China				370,037
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi		46,284	29,118	40,305
PeaceNexus Foundation		25,162	21,726	
Mount Kenya University			36,690	
Total	18,268,623	25,162,898	19,418,596	15,475,396

Funding partners ordered by contributions received in 2022.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS BY PARTNER, 2022



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There is just something vital and meaningful about working with the community on the ground, being able to co-create the solutions with the local population in the context of a developing country. UNV programme is a unique opportunity to put theory into practice supporting one of the agencies of the UN family. **Olga Tsaplina**, UN Youth Volunteer funded by the **Russian Federation**, UN-Habitat, **Kenya**

As a UN Volunteer, I have seen development cooperation in practice and gained knowledge I would never have gotten elsewhere. My advice to anyone interested in having a career in the UN is to gain international working experience. **Aleksander Polovinkin**, UN Specialist Volunteer funded by **Norway**, UNDP, **Türkiye**

Sometimes a decision that seems difficult will turn out to be the best opportunity for your growth and give you new perspectives. Be confident and try to take a step away from your comfort zone... you might see a new world. **Yo Kunieda**, UN Volunteer funded by **Japan**, UNDRR, **Fiji**

The African experience is vastly different from Kazakhstan. I supported early childhood education in Kenya for marginalized and refugee children. Having learned about different contexts, I can actually gauge and measure what we are doing for children in Africa. Being a UN Volunteer, I am part of a global community, and it's been a great way to start my professional journey in the UN System. **Fariza Baidaly**, UN Specialist Volunteer funded by **Kazakhstan**, Early Childhood Education Specialist, UNICEF, **Kenya**



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My role on a day-to-day basis consists of helping asylum seekers to substantiate their applications. I have the opportunity to listen to incredible life stories, marked by much suffering and injustice, but also by the courage, tenacity and dignity of these people whom I deeply admire and respect. On the other hand, this work allows me to know the situation of many countries, their culture, their way of life and the conflicts they are going through. I have the impression of having traveled to many countries without leaving my office. **Luis Moreno Cabrales** (pictured above left), UN Volunteer funded by **Spain**, Associate Refugee Status Determination Officer, UNHCR, **Morocco** @ UNHCR/Ass Hagouchi, 2022

Volunteering has been an excellent way to learn about the UN system, to reflect my strengths and weakness and grow professionally. The UNV programme has provided me with access to UN libraries and UN e-campus – where I had access to resources to grow my capacity and increase my knowledge. My host entity, IOM office in Kenya, also provided me with platforms and resources to gain more knowledge in my work and an opportunity to build my professional networks. I have really enjoyed being part of something great that allowed me help people in need and make a difference in people's lives as well as my own. **Jane Wamucii Ngure**, UN University Volunteer funded by **Mount Kenya University**, Logistics Assistant, IOM, **Kenya**

In 2022, the UNV Full Funding programme expanded opportunities for global engagement by attracting more volunteers, encouraging additional persons with disabilities, and engaging with a growing number of specialists adept at responding to peace and development challenges around the world

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